



December 14, 2018
Via Overnight Delivery

Ms. Donna Nickerson, Executive Secretary
Delaware Public Service Commission
861 Silver Lake Boulevard
Suite 100
Dover, DE 19904

**RE: Birch Communications of the Northeast, LLC d/b/a Birch Communications
Notification of Company Name Change and Replacement Tariffs**

Dear Ms. Nickerson:

The original and four (4) copies of this letter, along with a Filing Cover Sheet and replacement tariffs, are submitted on behalf of Birch Communications of the Northeast, LLC d/b/a Birch Communications ("Company") to request approval from the Commission to change the Company name to Lingo Communications of the Northeast, LLC. The Company is authorized to provide local exchange and competitive telecommunications services within the state of Delaware pursuant to Order 7859 in Docket 10-262.

The Company has registered its new name with the state of Delaware. Enclosed as Exhibit A is a copy of the documentation on the Company name issued by the Delaware Secretary of State.

A notice of the change in Company name is being provided to Delaware customers via bill messages in the November 2018 and December 2018 invoices. Enclosed as Exhibit B is a copy of the bill message. The change in corporate name will have no effect on the rates, terms, or condition of services offered to customers.

Enclosed as Exhibit C are the Company's replacement local and interexchange and access services tariffs, Delaware Tariff No. 1 (Residential Exchange), Delaware Tariff No. 2 (Business Exchange) and Delaware Tariff No. 3 (Access), which replace in their entirety the Company's Delaware Tariff Nos. 1 and 2 currently on file with the Commission. The replacement business and residential exchange service tariffs contain the same rates, terms, and conditions of service previously approved by the Commission, but this information is now contained in two (2) separate tariffs – a tariff governing services provided to business customers and a tariff governing services provided to residential customers. No other changes have been made to the tariffs except to reflect the Company's new name and to sequentially number the pages and correct section numbering as necessary.

The Company respectfully requests the Commission to change the Company's name in all Commission records to Lingo Communications of the Northeast, LLC and requests an effective date of December 31, 2018 for the enclosed tariffs.

Also enclosed is a check for \$50.00 to cover the filing fee.

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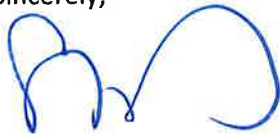
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Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date-stamping the extra copy of this cover letter and returning it to me in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided for that purpose.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3031 or via email to sthas@inteserra.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Sharon Thomas
Consultant

cc: A. Collins – Cahill, Gordon & Reindel LLP (via Email)

tms: Del1801

Enclosures

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FILING COVER SHEET

1. NAME OF APPLICANT: Birch Communications of the Northeast, LLC d/b/a Birch Communications
2. TYPE OF FILING:
- | | |
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| RATE CHANGE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| FUEL ADJUSTMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ADMINISTRATIVE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CPCN | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NEW SERVICE OFFERING | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| OTHER – DESCRIBE: <u>Company Name Change</u> | |

IF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING, WHAT TYPE OF SERVICE IS IMPACTED? (PLEASE CHECK)

BASIC ☐ COMPETITIVE ☒ DISCRETIONARY ☐

3. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: December 31, 2018

IS EXPEDITED TREATMENT REQUESTED? YES ☐ NO ☒

4. SHORT SUMMARY OF FILING: Notification of change in Company name from Birch Communications of the Northeast, LLC to Lingo Communications of the Northeast, LLC

5. DOES THIS FILING RELATE TO OTHER DOCKETS: YES ☐ NO ☒

IF YES, LIST DOCKET(S) NO(S): _____

6. IS PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED: YES ☐ NO ☒
IF YES, PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF PROPOSED PUBLIC NOTICE.

7. APPLICANT'S CONTACT PERSON:
- | | |
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| NAME: | <u>Sharon Thomas</u> |
| TITLE: | <u>Consultant.</u> |
| PHONE: | <u>407-740-3031</u> |
| FAX: | <u>407-740-0613</u> |
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| WEBSITE: | <u>www.inteserra.com</u> |

8. DID YOU PROVIDE A COMPLETE COPY OF THE FILING TO THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE?
YES ☐ NO ☒ IF YES, WHEN? _____

9. FILING FEE ENCLOSED: AMOUNT: \$50.00

NOTE: House Bill 681, enacted into law 7/13/98, authorizes the Commission to recover the cost of time spent by in-house staff to process all filing initiated after the date of enactment. You may be required to reimburse the Commission for staff time.

Exhibit A

Delaware Secretary of State Registration

Delaware

The First State

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I, JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "LINGO COMMUNICATIONS OF THE NORTHEAST, LLC" IS DULY FORMED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE SECOND DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 2018.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE SAID "LINGO COMMUNICATIONS OF THE NORTHEAST, LLC" WAS FORMED ON THE FOURTH DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 1997.



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You may verify this certificate online at corp.delaware.gov/authver.shtml

A handwritten signature of Jeffrey W. Bullock in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey W. Bullock, Secretary of State

Authentication: 203829866

Date: 11-02-18

Exhibit B

Customer Notice

Notices:

We are pleased to announce that Birch is changing its name to Lingo Communications, and will operate under the "Lingo" brand going forward. Starting January 1, 2019, you will see the "Lingo" name on your monthly invoices and other correspondence from us. This change will have no effect on your current services, and no action is required by you. We thank you for your continued business and look forward to continuing to provide you with quality service for many years to come. Please contact Customer Care if you have additional questions or concerns.